

LIVING STONE WORSHIP

† Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost †

Sunday, October 5, 2025 at 10:45 a.m.

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Prayer Before Worship

O God, Your almighty power is made known chiefly in showing mercy and pity. Teach us to forgive one another and to do what You have commanded, and because through the weakness of our mortal nature we can do no good thing without Your aid, grant us the help of Your grace to please You in both will and deed; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Announcements & Greeting

Call to Worship

Psalms 62

- L For God alone my soul waits in silence; from him comes my salvation.
C **He alone is my rock and my salvation, my fortress; I shall not be greatly shaken.**
- L For God alone, O my soul, wait in silence, for my hope is from him.
C **He only is my rock and my salvation, my fortress; I shall not be shaken.**
- L On God rests my salvation and my glory; my mighty rock, my refuge is God.
ALL **Trust in him at all times, O people; pour out your heart before him; God is a refuge for us!**

Opening Song

“Firm Foundation”

Verse 1

Christ is my firm foundation,
the rock on which I stand.
When everything around me is shaken,
I've never been more glad
That I put my faith in Jesus,
'Cause He's never let me down.
He's faithful through generations,
so why would He fail now.

Chorus 1

He won't, He won't.

Verse 2

I've still got joy in chaos.
I've got peace that makes no sense.
So I won't be going under.
I'm not held by my own strength,
'Cause I've built my life on Jesus.
He's never let me down.
He's faithful in every season,

So why would He fail now.

Chorus 2

**He won't, He won't.
He won't fail. He won't fail.**

Bridge

**Rain came and wind blew,
But my house was built on You.
And I'm safe with You,
I'm gonna make it through. (REPEAT)**

**Yeah I'm gonna make it through,
'cause my house is built on You.**

Verse 1

Chorus 2 (2x)

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Invocation

P In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

Salutation & Prayer of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray.

O God, our refuge and strength, the author of all godliness, by Your grace hear the prayers of Your Church. Grant that those things which we ask in faith we may receive through Your bountiful mercy; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Old Testament Reading

Habakkuk 1:1–4; 2:1–4

The oracle that Habakkuk the prophet saw. O Lord, how long shall I cry for help, and You will not hear? Or cry to You “Violence!” and You will not save? Why do You make me see iniquity, and why do You idly look at wrong? Destruction and violence are before me; strife and contention arise. So the law is paralyzed, and justice never goes forth. For the wicked surround the righteous; so justice goes forth perverted.

I will take my stand at my watchpost and station myself on the tower, and look out to see what He will say to me, and what I will answer concerning my complaint.

And the Lord answered me: “Write the vision; make it plain on tablets, so he may run who reads it. For still the vision awaits its appointed time; it hastens to the end—it will not lie. If it seems slow, wait for it; it will surely come; it will not delay.

“Behold, his soul is puffed up; it is not upright within him, but the righteous shall live by his faith.” “See, I have set before you today life and good, death and evil. If you obey the commandments of the LORD your God that I command you today, by loving the Lord your God, by walking in His ways, and by keeping His commandments and His statutes and His rules, then you shall live and multiply, and the LORD your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to take possession of it. But if your heart turns away, and you will not hear, but are drawn away to worship other gods and serve them, I declare to you today, that you shall surely perish. You shall not live long in the land that you are going over the Jordan to enter and possess. I call heaven and earth to witness against you today, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and curse. Therefore choose life, that you and your offspring may live, loving the LORD your God, obeying His voice and holding fast to Him, for He is your life and length of days, that you may dwell in the land that the LORD swore to your fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give them.”

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle Reading

2 Timothy 1:1–14

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God according to the promise of the life that is in Christ Jesus, To Timothy, my beloved child: Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

I thank God whom I serve, as did my ancestors, with a clear conscience, as I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day. As I remember your tears, I long to see you, that I may be filled with joy. I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that dwelt first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, dwells in you as well. For this reason I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands, for God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control.

Therefore do not be ashamed of the testimony about our Lord, nor of me his prisoner, but share in suffering for the gospel by the power of God, who saved us and called us to a holy calling, not because

of our works but because of his own purpose and grace, which he gave us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, and which now has been manifested through the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel, for which I was appointed a preacher and apostle and teacher, which is why I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know whom I have believed, and I am convinced that he is able to guard until that Day what has been entrusted to me. Follow the pattern of the sound words that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. By the Holy Spirit who dwells within us, guard the good deposit entrusted to you.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Holy Gospel

Luke 17:1–10

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the seventeenth chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

[Jesus] said to His disciples, “Temptations to sin are sure to come, but woe to the one through whom they come! It would be better for him if a millstone were hung around his neck and he were cast into the sea than that he should cause one of these little ones to sin. Pay attention to yourselves! If your brother sins, rebuke him, and if he repents, forgive him, and if he sins against you seven times in the day, and turns to you seven times, saying, ‘I repent,’ you must forgive him.”

The apostles said to the Lord, “Increase our faith!” And the Lord said, “If you had faith like a grain of mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, ‘Be uprooted and planted in the sea,’ and it would obey you.

“Will any one of you who has a servant plowing or keeping sheep say to him when he has come in from the field, ‘Come at once and recline at table?’ Will he not rather say to him, ‘Prepare supper for me, and dress properly, and serve me while I eat and drink, and afterward you will eat and drink?’ Does he thank the servant because he did what was commanded? So you also, when you have done all that you were commanded, say, ‘We are unworthy servants; we have only done what was our duty.’”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Song of the Day

“By Faith”

Verse 1

**By faith we see the hand of God
In the light of creation’s grand design,
In the lives of those who prove His faithfulness,
Who walk by faith and not by sight.**

Verse 2

**By faith our fathers roamed the earth
With the pow’r of His promise in their hearts
Of a holy city built by God’s own hand,
A place where peace and justice reign.**

Chorus

**We will stand as children of the promise;
We will fix our eyes on Him, our soul’s reward.
Till the race is finished and the work is done,
We’ll walk by faith and not by sight.**

Verse 3

**By faith the prophets saw a day
When the longed-for Messiah would appear
With the pow’r to break the chains of sin and death,
And rise triumphant from the grave.**

Verse 4

**By faith the church was called to go
In the pow’r of the Spirit to the lost,
To deliver captives and to preach good news
In ev’ry corner of the earth.**

Chorus

Verse 5

**By faith this mountain shall be moved
And the pow’r of the gospel shall prevail,
For we know in Christ all things are possible
For all who call upon His name.**

Chorus

Sermon

Song of Response

“Holy Spirit”

Verse 1

There's nothing worth more
that will ever come close.
No thing can compare;
You're our living hope. Your Presence Lord.

Verse 1/ Verse 2/ Chorus

Bridge (3x)

Let us become more aware of Your Presence;
Let us experience the glory of Your goodness.

Verse 2

I've tasted and seen
of the sweetest of loves,
Where my heart becomes free
and my shame is undone, in Your Presence, Lord.

Chorus

Chorus

Holy Spirit, You are welcome here;
Come flood this place and fill the atmosphere;
Your glory, God, is what our hearts long for,
To be overcome by Your Presence, Lord.
Your Presence, Lord.

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Confession of Sins and Absolution

- P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
C **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

Silence for reflection

- P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
C **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**
P In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ He gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.
C **Amen.**

Children's Message

Offering

Offertory Song

- 1 My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness;
I dare not trust the sweetest frame
But wholly trust in Jesus' name.
(Repeat)

Chorus

Christ alone. Cornerstone.
Weak made strong in the Savior's love.
Through the storm, He is Lord.
Lord of all.

"Cornerstone"

- 2 When darkness seems to hide His face,
I rest on His unchanging grace;
In ev'ry high and stormy gale,
My anchor holds within the veil.
My anchor holds within the veil.

Chorus (Twice)

- 3 When He shall come with trumpet sound,
Oh, may I then in Him be found,
Dressed in His righteousness alone,
Faultless stand before the throne.

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Prayer of the Church

✠ Addie Smalley who is hospitalized.

The Lord's Prayer

Matthew 6:9-13

- P Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:
C Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Benediction

- P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.
C Amen.

Numbers 6:24-26

Closing Song

"You Never Let Go"

Verse 1

Even though I walk through the valley
Of the shadow of death,
Your perfect love is casting out fear,
And even when I'm caught in the middle
Of the storms of this life,
I won't turn back, I know You are near.

Pre-Chorus

And I will fear no evil, For my God is with me,
And if my God is with me,
Whom then shall I fear? Whom then shall I fear?

Chorus

Oh no, You never let go,
Through the calm and through the storm.
Oh no, You never let go,
In ev'ry high and ev'ry low.
Oh no, You never let go,
Lord, You never let go of me.

Verse 2

And I can see a light that is coming
For the heart that holds on,
A glorious light beyond all compare,
And there will be an end to these troubles,
But until that day comes,
We'll live to know You here on the earth.

Pre-Chorus

Chorus

Bridge

Yes I can see a light that is coming
For the heart that holds on,
And there will be an end to these troubles,
But until that day comes,
Still I will praise You,
Still I will praise You (Repeat)

Chorus (2x)

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